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**LISTING OF CLAIMS**

1. (Original) A splined connection assembly for use with a universal joint, said splined connection assembly comprising:

an externally splined shaft;

a housing having a mating internally splined bore; and

a plurality of radially compressible, elongate members having a C-shaped cross-section, each elongate member received within a corresponding longitudinally extending, opening disposed in said housing and engaging the externally splined shaft and internally splined bore for providing a radial force for compensating clearance deviations between said externally splined shaft and internally splined bore.

2. (Original) The splined connection assembly of claim 1 wherein each elongate member is formed of a spring steel material.

Claims 3-14 (Canceled)